THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) to (d) Urdu service of All India Radio is basicaly a service which is directed to Urdu speaking audiences of West and North-West Indian Sub-Continent. This service is not expected to cover other areas inside the country. Notwithstanding this, it has been the endeavour of All India Radio to extend coverage of this service to other areas subject to availability of financial resources. At present, Urdu programmes, on as many as 34 Primary Regional Services, and on National Channel of All India Radio are broadcast in different parts of the country.

Joint ventures between Indian Defence Sector Companies and multinationals

1563. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several companies in the Indian defence sector have recently entered into joint ventures and buy back arrangements with a number of multinationals including the Airbus Industries;

(b) if so, the details of the Indian companies and the names of multinational companies with whom joint ventures entered into recently; and

(c) the details of the items to be exported by the Indian companies and to what extent it will meet the target of exports of defence items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Out of the eight Defence Public Sector Undertakings, BEL has entered into an agreement with M/s. Delft Instruments NV Holland for setting up an export oriented unit for the manufacture of image intensifier tubes. There is no joint venture with Airbus Industries but HAL has an arrangement for supplying passenger doors of Airbus aircraft Buy back provision is included in some collaboration agreements entered into by Defence PSUs

(c) Under the proposed joint venture involving BEL, Image intensifier tubes valuing approx. Rs. 17 crores are expected to be exported each year after production reaches the peak level. Export target and performance each year will differ from year to year depending upon the prevailing circumstances.

High-powered Committee to study communal situation

1564. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a high-powered committee to study the communal situation in the country and suggest short and long term measures;

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps Government propose to control communal disturbances throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Integration Council is a high-powered body, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, which addresse itself to the task of devising ways and means to combat the evil of communalism.

(c) Law and Order is a State subject. In its advisory capacity, the Central Government has issued Guidelines to States/UTs regarding promotion of communal harmony on 23-4-1990 which *inter-alia*, include administrative and intelligence measures, setting up of Special Courts for expeditious trial of communal riot cases. role of Police, etc The Central Government also keeps a close watch on communal situation in the country